

#### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A thermal printer is provided in which the occurrence of a sticking phenomenon can be lowered compared with a thermal printer with a conventional structure under conditions where other causes are the same therewith, which are involved in the occurrence of the sticking phenomenon, such as a period of time from drive of a heating element until the next rotation of a platen roller and respective coefficients of friction of recording paper, a thermal head, and the platen roller. In a thermal printer in which printing and paper feeding are performed in a state in which paper is sandwiched between a thermal head having a heating element and a platen roller pressed against the thermal head, a center of a rotating support shaft 7 that rotatably supports the thermal head 3 is arranged so as to be overlapped on an extension line of a head surface 3a, and also, an acting force of a spring 4 that generates a pressing force between the thermal head 3 and the platen roller 2 is made perpendicular to the head surface 3a.